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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated October 3, 2006, the following comments are directed toward the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance:

Applicants respectfully submit that the reasons for allowance of the present application are not restricted to the reasons cited by the Examiner. The prior art of record in the present application does not collectively disclose the combination of inventive features recited in each of the claims of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit, for the sole purpose of completing the record, that the reasons for allowance of the present application are not limited to the Examiner's Statement.

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Should there be any questions regarding this paper, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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